CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	Facebook post (Ref. No.1)
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1900336.000
Medium:	Text File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Aotearoa New Zealand
Language:	English
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	28 August 2019
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	28 August 2019

Summary of reasons for decision:

The text file is a series of screenshots of a messenger app conversation. It contains a story that salaciously details the violent rape of a child. It is deemed to be objectionable because it unequivocally promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes and the use of violence to compel a person to participate in, or submit to, sexual conduct. It is clearly intended to be arousing to those with a sexual interest in violent rape fantasies involving children. It promotes them as legitimate subjects for adult sexual fantasy and supports the crime by normalising it. This trivialises the impact of such crimes on the victims of sexual abuse. The objectionable classification limits the right to freedom of expression contained in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 but is consistent with parliament's intention that publications promoting and the supporting the violent sexual abuse of children be banned.